

EASTGATE/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project

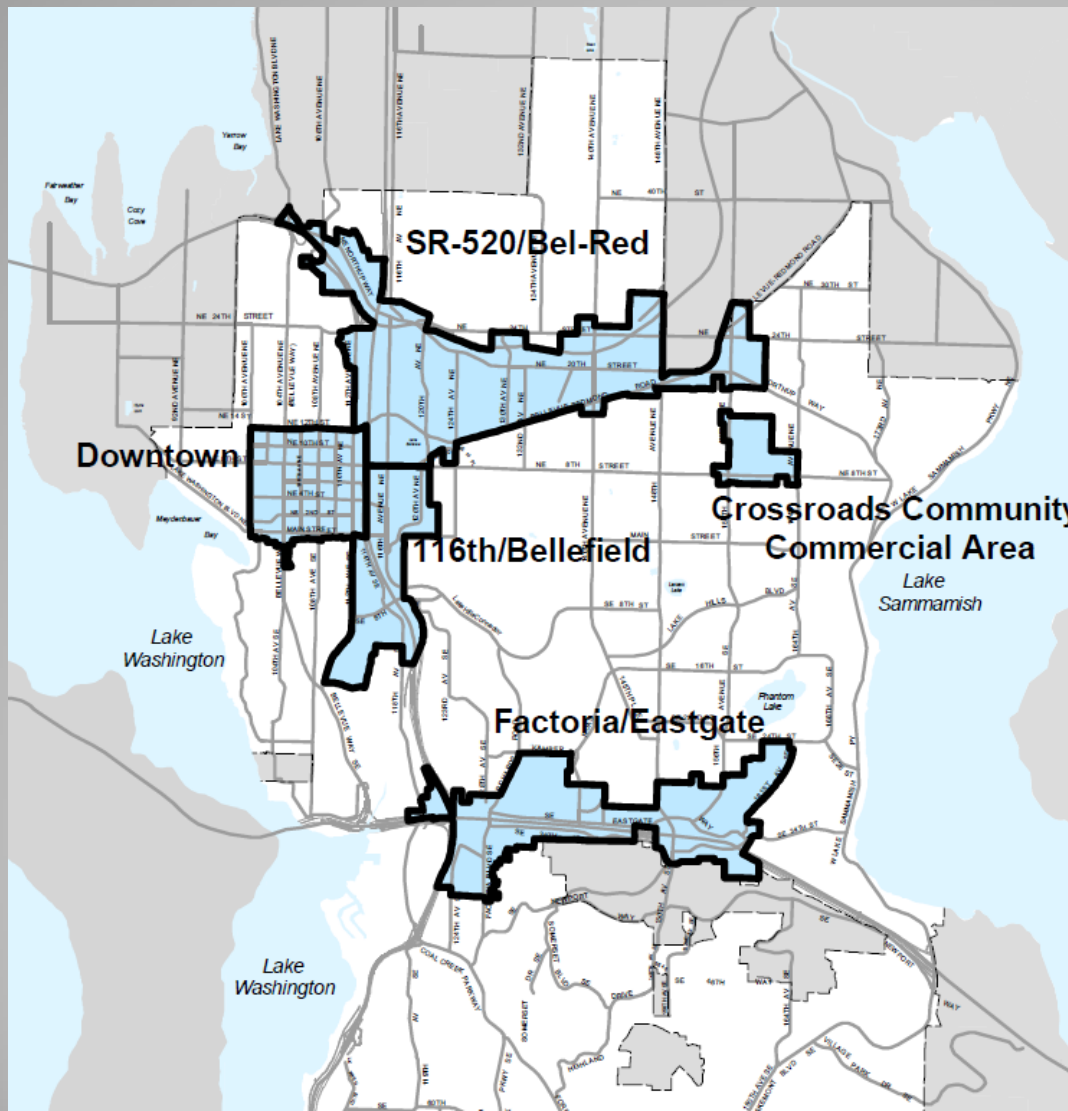


Planning Commission Meeting
March 10, 2010

Provide overview of project:

- **What we are doing**
- **Why we are doing it**
- **Major elements of project**
- **Principles to guide project**
- **Project schedule**
- **Public involvement plan**

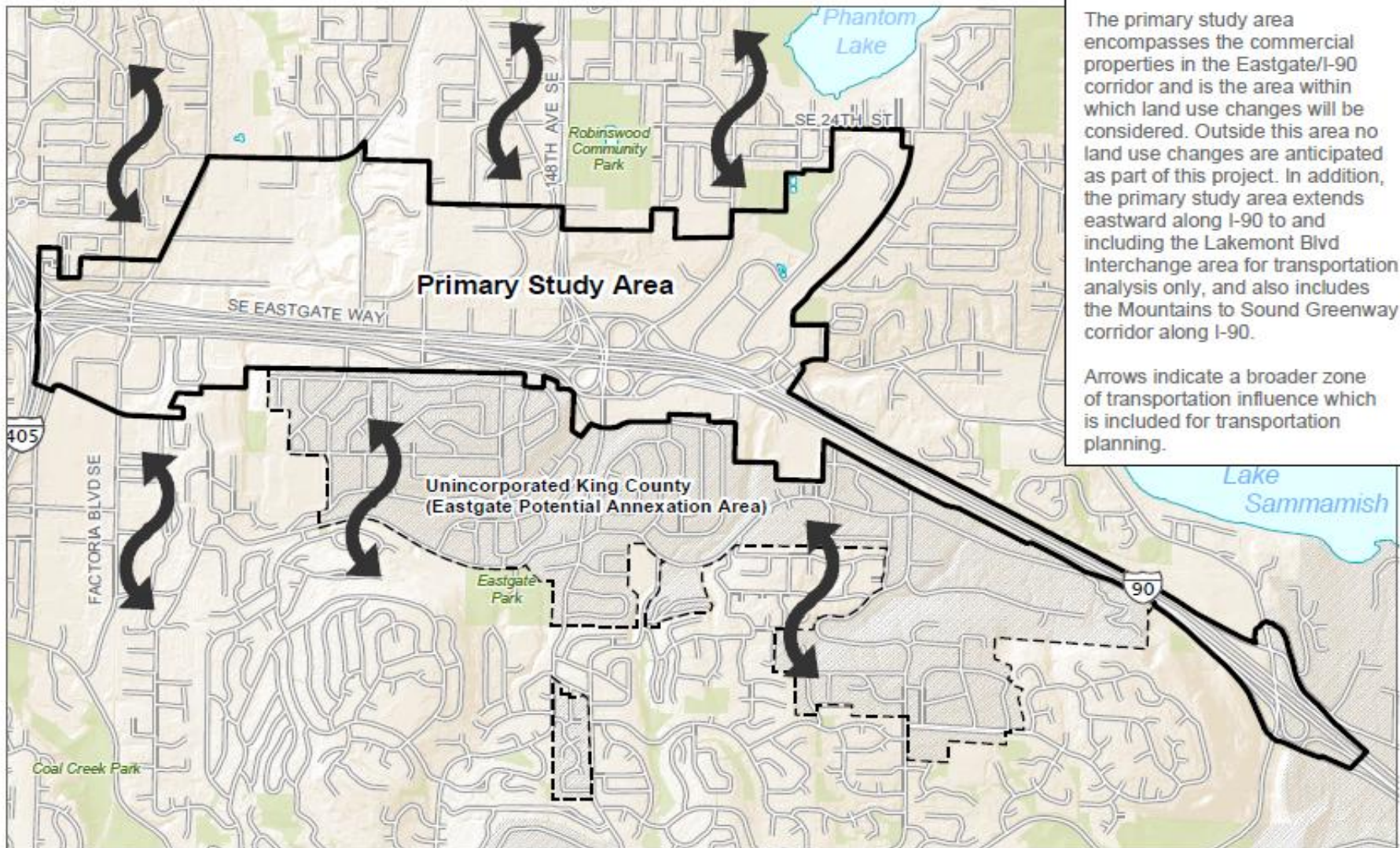
Purpose of Meeting



**Employment
Centers**

1. **Principles** that will guide the advisory committee, staff, and commissions in their work.
2. **Scope of work** that will lead to the identification of a preferred long-term land use and transportation vision for the Eastgate/I-90 corridor
3. **Project map** that is: (i) clear about where land use changes may and may not be considered; and, (ii) includes the entire area that has key transportation relationships with the primary study area.
4. **Public involvement plan** that includes: (i) residents in the project area; (ii) residents along the affected transportation corridors; and, (iii) potential annexation area representatives.

Council Actions (2/1/2010)



The primary study area encompasses the commercial properties in the Eastgate/I-90 corridor and is the area within which land use changes will be considered. Outside this area no land use changes are anticipated as part of this project. In addition, the primary study area extends eastward along I-90 to and including the Lakemont Blvd Interchange area for transportation analysis only, and also includes the Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor along I-90.

Arrows indicate a broader zone of transportation influence which is included for transportation planning.



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Scale bar: 0 to 2,000 feet

Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project Map

Approved by the Bellevue City Council on February 1, 2010

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1. Evaluate potential land use changes for the corridor, supported by multi-modal transportation options.
2. Identify a preferred long-term land use and transportation vision for the Eastgate/I-90 corridor
3. Identify multi-modal transportation improvements for the area
4. Promote a stronger identity and urban design image for this area; recognize its prominent location on the Mountains to Sound Greenway.
5. Support and plan for Bellevue College's efforts to become a four-year institution.

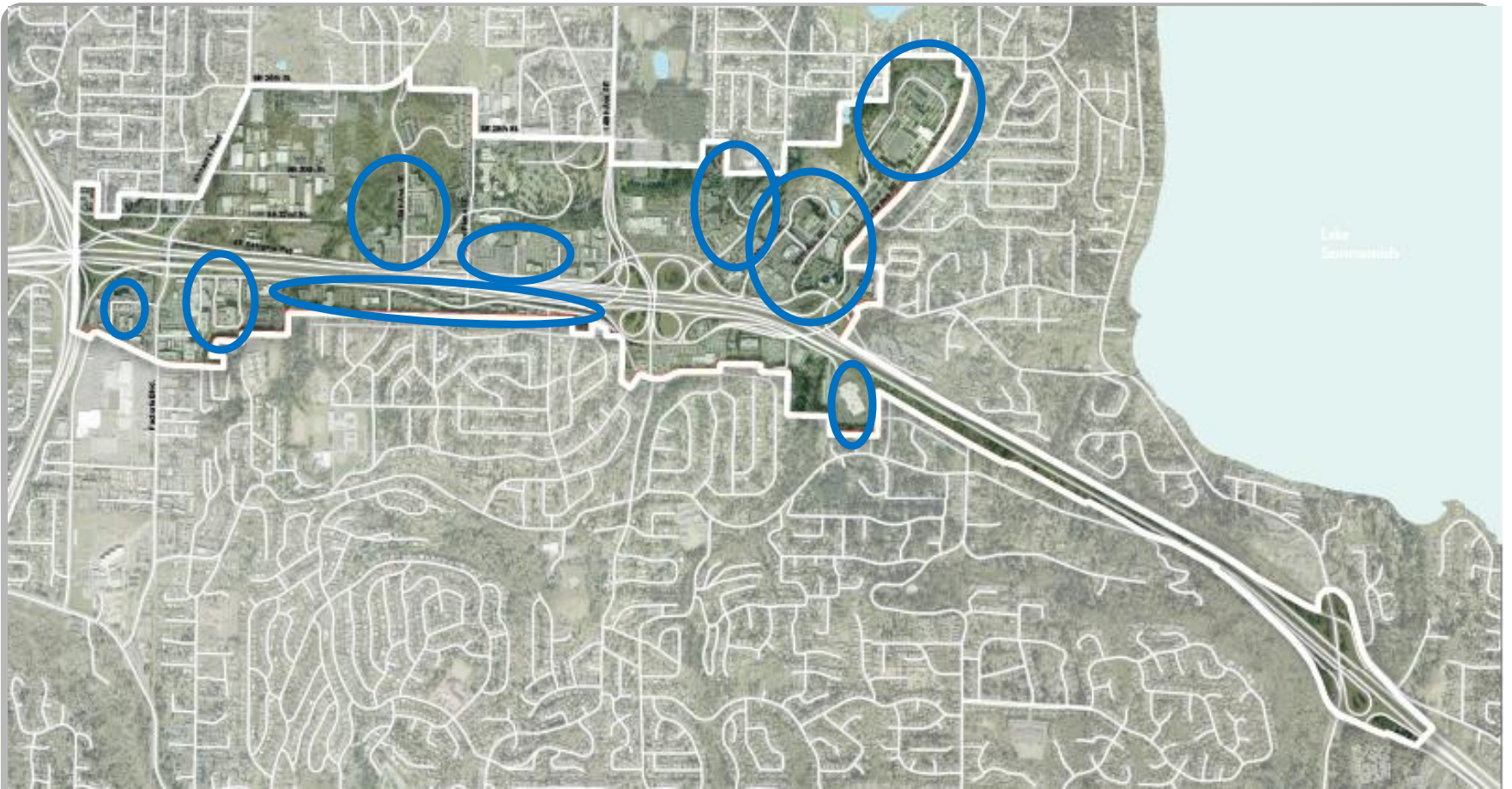
What Are We Doing?

1. Holistic vs. piecemeal planning
2. Erosion of neighborhood services
3. Transportation “choke points”; achieve system efficiencies
4. Lack of connectivity across corridor
5. Mountains to Sound Greenway
6. Coherent image
7. Bellevue College evolution
8. Opportunity for innovation

Why Are We Doing It?



- ## Eastgate I-90 Today Existing Zoning



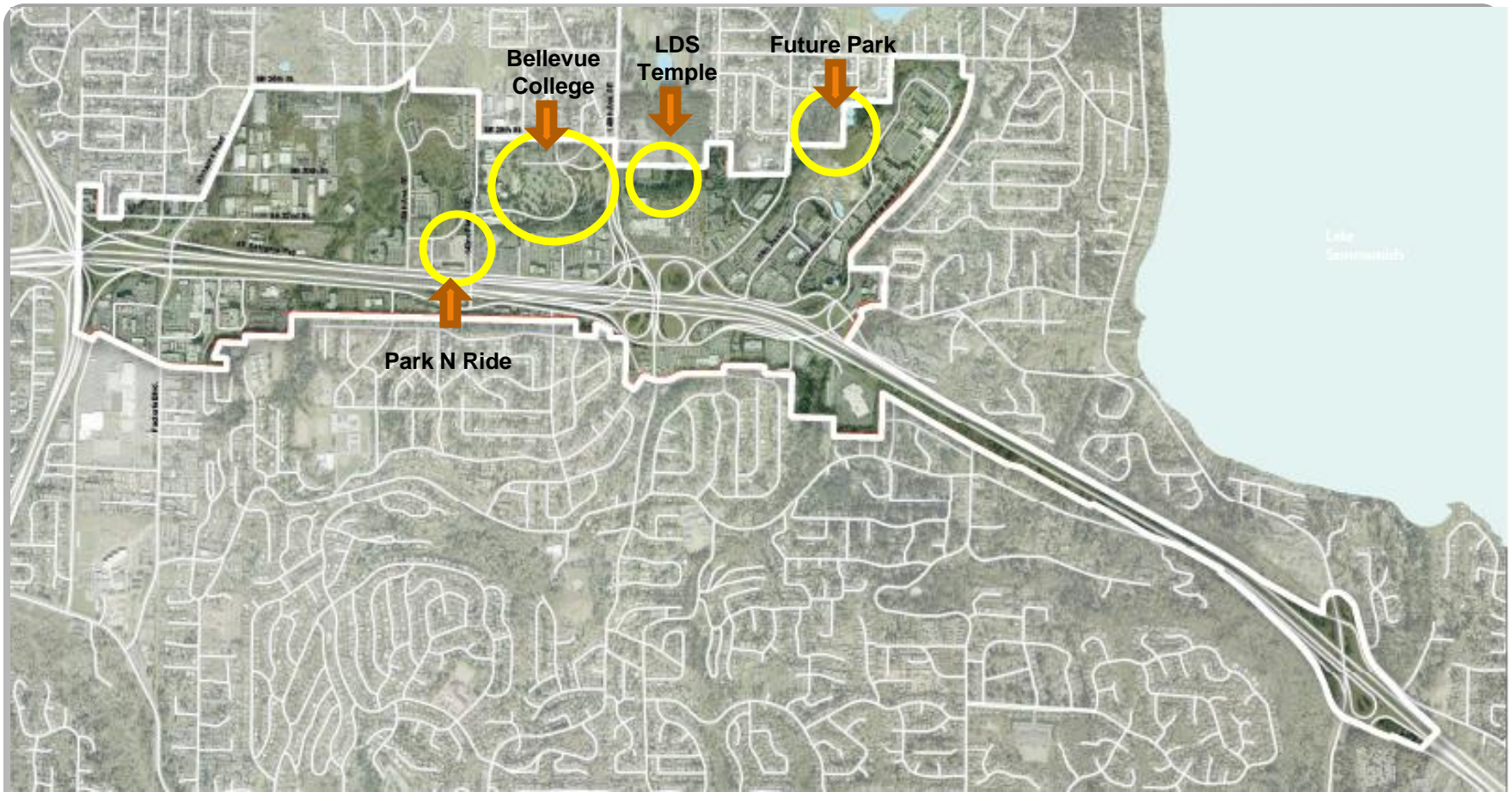
Eastgate/I-90 Today **Office Concentrations**



Eastgate I-90 Today
Retail Nodes



Eastgate/I-90 Today
Light Industrial Area



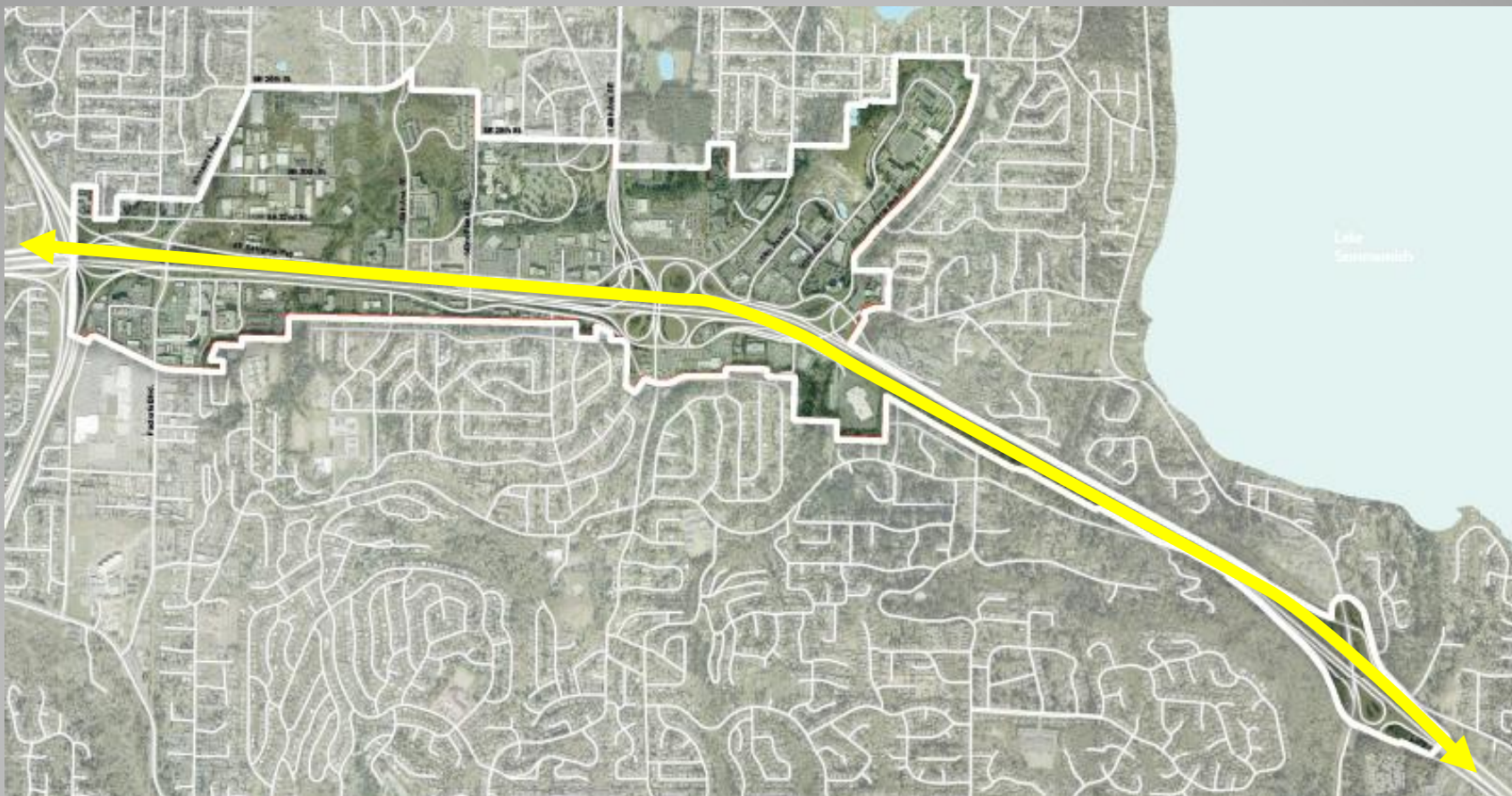
Eastgate/I-90 Today
Other Notable Uses



Eastgate Way & 150th Ave SE

1. Geography, freeway conditions, traffic volumes, and lack of continuity.
2. Needed: Strategies to address growth in demand and offer more choices.

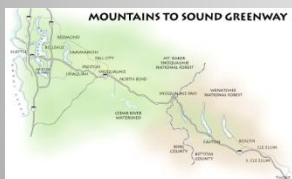
Eastgate/I-90 Today
Local "Choke Points"



Flickr: WSDOT

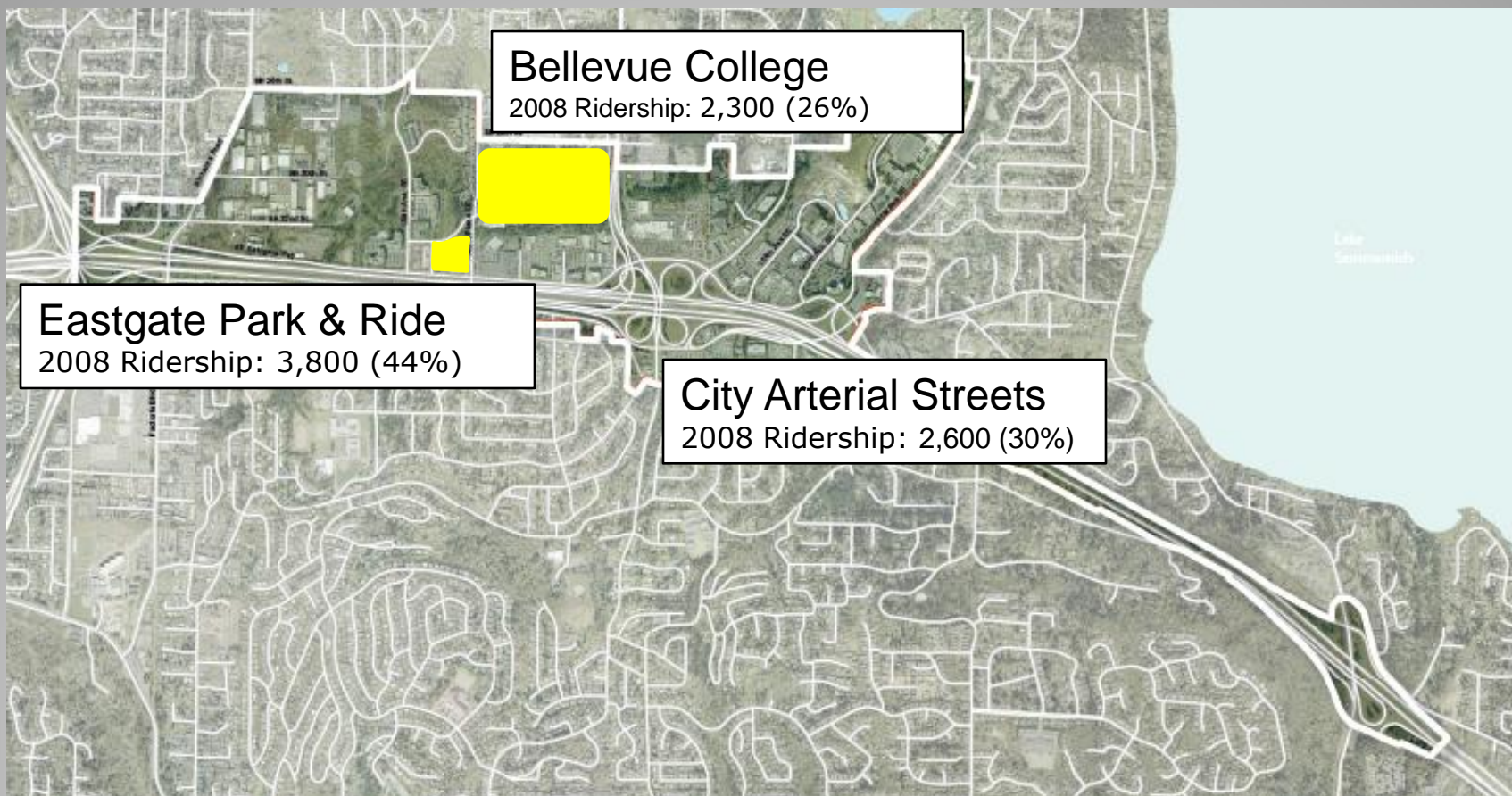
1. I-90 daily traffic volumes expected to increase significantly by 2030.
2. Needed: Work with WSDOT to maximize efficiency of I-90 system.

Eastgate/I-90 Today
Regional System



1. A missing link in the MTS 100 mile facility.
2. Needed: Promote identity and urban design image for this area.

Eastgate/I-90 Today
Mountains to Sound Greenway



1. Weekday ridership up substantially from 2,400 (2000) to 8,700 (2008).
2. Needed: Coordination with transit partners to build on existing market.

Eastgate/I-90 Today
Transit Ridership

Principles that will guide the advisory committee, staff, and commissions in their work

Overarching Principle: Recognize fiscal constraints in the ability to fund new infrastructure

- 1 Enhance economic vitality & diversity
- 2 Retain and enhance neighborhood-oriented services
- 3 Improve linkages with Bellevue college
- 4 Better integrate land use and transportation across Eastgate

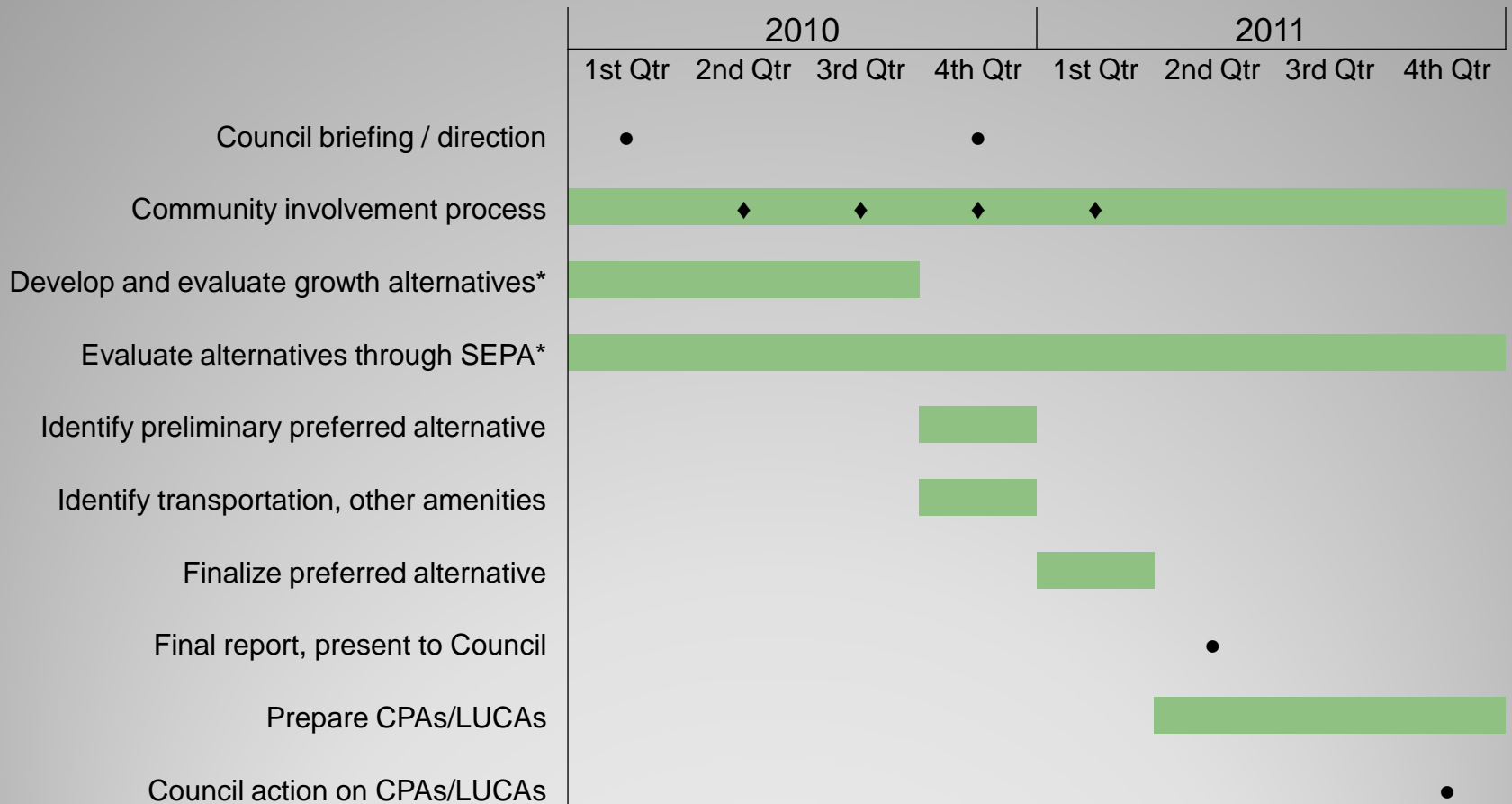
Council Principles

- 5 Evolve Eastgate's transportation infrastructure to high performing, multi-modal system
- 6 Increase connectivity across the corridor
- 7 Model environmental sustainability
- 8 Improve the corridor's urban design quality and coherence
- 9 Improve the performance of state facilities in the area

Council Principles

- 1. Economic and Market Analysis**
- 2. Land Use Alternatives**
- 3. Transportation Analysis**
- 4. Early Consideration of ST-3 improvements**
- 5. Greenhouse Gas and Health Impact Analysis**
- 6. Selection of a Preferred Alternative**
- 7. Integrated GMA Planning and SEPA Review**
- 8. Financing and Implementation Strategies**

Project Scope



* SEPA process will be integrated with the development/evaluation of alternatives, as encouraged by the Washington State GMA

• Council interaction

◆ CAC involvement

Project Timeline

1. Citizen Advisory Committee
 - Board/Commission members, City-wide interests, stakeholders & owners, technical advisors
 - Appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council in April
2. Community Open Houses
3. Stakeholder panels
4. Media
5. Mailings
6. Other measures as appropriate



The Eastgate/I-90
Land Use &
Transportation Project

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the Future of the Eastgate/I-90 Corridor at an

Open House
Wednesday, March 31, 2010

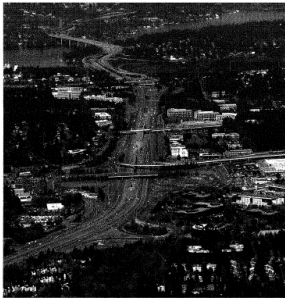
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Robinson House	Eastgate Elem. School
2430 148th Avenue SE	4255 153rd Avenue SE
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	5:00 - 7:00 pm
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Public Involvement

Council launches review of Eastgate/I-90 corridor



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The Eastgate commercial area along Interstate 90 is one of five major employment centers in Bellevue, representing approximately 18 percent of the city's total work force. It's also an important hub for higher education, a crucial transportation corridor and a center for neighborhood services for nearby residential areas.

To ensure that the area remains vital, the City Council has directed staff to conduct a land use and transportation study for the Eastgate/I-90 area. The project will involve extensive public involvement over the coming months.

The primary study area focuses on the commercial office and retail properties lining I-90, generally bounded by I-405 to the west, 161st Avenue Southeast to the east, Southeast 26th Street to the north and Southeast 38th Street to the south. The primary study area will also include a narrow corridor eastward along I-90 that encompasses the planned Mountains to Sound Greenway and the Lakemont Boulevard interchange.

While acknowledging the city's limited capacity to fund major new infrastructure to support land use changes, the council concluded that this project needs to proceed now. Reasons include: a need to work with the state Department of Transportation to improve regional access, the need to stem the erosion of neighborhood services needed by nearby neighborhoods, the need to consider interest by several Eastgate property owners in redevelopment, a desire to create a more coherent image for the area and opportunities to work with Bellevue College as it completes the transition to a four-year institution.

In a parallel effort to the land use and transportation study, staff will discuss future annexation options with residents who live in an unincorporated part of Eastgate south of I-90.

More information on the Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project is available on the city's Internet site at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/eastgate-corridor.htm>.

IYC Article (February 2010)

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Newsletter (25,000 Addresses)



Project Webpage/E-Alerts



On-Line Survey (ends 4/30)

Outreach Efforts

- 1. Stakeholder Interviews**
- 2. Briefings to Boards and Commissions**
- 3. Public Workshop #1: Public Scoping (Project and SEPA)**
- 4. Newsletter Sent to Study Area Property Owners**
- 5. On-line Survey**
- 6. CAC Appointments**

Immediate Next Steps